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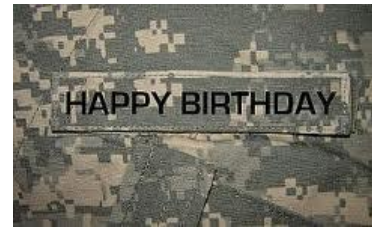
**June 2011**



Happy Father's Day



National Flag Week



Happy Birthday U.S. Army

## June 2011 Army Community Service



### Fort Devens Welcome Center

61 Quebec Street, Building 683

**Hours of Operation**

0630-1600 Monday -Friday

<https://www.devens.army.mil>

**ACS TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

978-796-3023/ 3119 DSN 256-3023/ 3119

**MILITARY ONE SOURCE**

1-800-342-9647

[www.armyonesource.com](http://www.armyonesource.com)

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR



### Imelda Fisher

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY US ARMY:** "Two hundred and thirty-six years ago, the United States Army was established to defend our Nation. From the Revolutionary War to the current operations taking place around the world, our Soldiers remain Army Strong with a deep commitment to our core values and beliefs. This 236th birthday commemorates America's Army – Soldiers, Families and Civilians – who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong. Being Army Strong goes beyond physical endurance and mental preparedness. It encompasses an indomitable spirit, and high ethical and moral values. These are not only desirable traits in a person, but in a Nation that wishes to live up to the ideals and vision of its founders. We are "America's Army: The Strength of the Nation."

### **What's at Fort Devens ?**

**Education Office:** The 99<sup>th</sup> RSC Education Office is now located at 30 Quebec Street, (Building 666) Fort Devens in Rooms 328, 326 and 324. Call Lee Achenbach at 978-796-2968. Services will include educational and career counseling, GI Bill questions and issues, tuition assistance, financial aid and scholarship information as well as test administration and test proctoring.

**Fort Devens Mail and Distribution:** As of Wednesday 23 June 2010 the new Mail & Distribution Hours are as follows. The Door will be open for box pick up between the following hours. 0730 AM to 1600 PM. Window pick up 0900 AM to 1200 PM 1230 PM to 1430 PM

**Taps Tavern:** Hours of operation for Taps Tavern are 1600 – 2100, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Enjoy cold drinks, delicious snacks, sports events, X-Box gaming, music and much more. The TAPS Tavern is located in Bldg. 623, 42 Givry Street, Devens, MA.

**FREE Movie Night at the Community Activities Center,** Bldg. 623, shown in the main hall Saturdays. Be on the lookout for each Saturday's feature presentation.

**Chaplain Stevenson:** Worship Service Sunday, 12 June 2011-1100 Pentecost Sunday  
Office Hours: Tuesday, 14 June 2011: 1300, Wednesday, 15 June 2011, Tuesday, 28 June 2011

### **ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF**

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign 2011 raised \$33,429.00 to date. Although the campaign ended on 15 May, it is never too late to donate if you have not gotten a chance to do so. This year's AER Fun Run on cinco de Mayo was a great event. It takes many hands to plan and execute one of these functions. I extend a GREAT big thank you to the Fort Devens Directorates, who spent many hours setting up for the event. No event can be without the essential Volunteers who make a difference with their time and talents. Thank you to The Devens Grill, AAFES, Dunkin Donut certificate contributors, Miss Massachusetts and Muscle Milk for your attendance and donations.



## **FINANCIAL**

**Saving:** No matter how much or how little you make, always save a little bit. This is a variation of "Pay yourself first." It's a reminder that whatever money comes into your life, you can (and should) be setting aside some of it. **Save hard for the first 10 years of your married life.** The definition of saving hard means having to make a lot of the right choices. Research every purchase, learn how to do lots of things yourself (car repair, hair cutting, sewing, cooking, home maintenance, etc.) and we could not only save money but we also used these skills to make money. When you are young, doing with less isn't a struggle because you aren't used to the luxuries yet. We also had more time to bargain shop.

**Know the difference between needs and wants.** When you can't distinguish between real needs and mere wants, you're constantly talking yourself into spending too much. "Jennys Mom" illustrated it this way: "You **need** food. You **want** prime rib. That example is perfect for the want vs. need debate in my head!" "Clara Bear" said she heard similar advice from her grandmother. 'We have everything we need and most of what we want, too.' That would make me realize that even though we weren't the richest family in town, we really did have plenty. I still think about that today when I'm lusting over some ridiculously expensive item at the mall. It makes me remember that I have a place to live, plenty to eat and a great family as well as much of the stuff I want. I (usually) put the item back on the shelf and walk away satisfied with what I already have."

**Think of the true cost:** Anything you want to buy involves a number of costs. The price tag is just the start. "I see something that would look great on my table that I have to give up the cash for it that won't be able to work for me somewhere else. Then I have to think of all the time and energy I'll waste cleaning this item, keeping it out of my kids' hands, and packing it up and hauling it somewhere else when we move in a year. Most of the time, the true cost of the item is too high for me."

**Buy quality:** As Herigstad and her husband rebuilt their finances, though, she remembered her mother's advice to buy quality when it counts. "My mom can stretch a dollar farther than anyone I know, but that doesn't mean she doesn't buy nice things. Mom taught us to buy high-quality things at stores that stand behind what they sell. That way, if anything wore out or quit working before its time, she knew she could take it back -- and she often did. You actually save money by buying things of higher quality that last than by getting cheap stuff you have to throw away in no time."

**If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall:** "Live within your means," or, more elaborately, "Be careful of adding new expenses to the ones you've already got." "So I'm always asking myself, am I putting out more than I'm taking in?" "If I am, I know I need to turn that around, because it is unsustainable."

**Don't pay interest on anything that loses value:** This theme of avoiding credit card debt and borrowing only to buy property or other assets that will appreciate is the way to go. The best advice is "save today for what you want tomorrow." "We've both been saving for retirement, wedding and housing. The difference it will make is that we will be able to pay for things instead of borrowing or having (credit card) debt.

**Don't co-sign a loan:** Co-signing puts your good credit in the hands of someone else -- who could trash it with a single late payment. "If we'd have co-signed, I know we'd have been forced to pay off that loan to preserve our own credit. Not only would we not have been able to afford it, but it would have put an irreparable rift in family relations. Sometimes you have to take care of yourself and secure your future, even if it means friends or family members may have a more difficult time."

**If you need more money, then go out and make more money:** There are limits to how far you can scrimp and save. Often the fastest way out of debt and into wealth is generating more income. "They taught me that as long as there is health, anything else can be worked for."

## **SOLDIER & FAMILY**

**Strength At Home-** Offers relationship strengthening programs to help veterans and their families adjust to the unique stress associated with military service. They also provide a program for veterans and service members of any conflict era to improve anger management skills and prevent arguments and conflict in intimate relationships. For more information contact Sarah at 857-364-4173. Website is [www.StrengthAtHome.com](http://www.StrengthAtHome.com).

**Artist For a Day!** The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston is hosting an Artist for a Day Program, FREE to all active service men and women and their immediate family members. Join them for a fun-filled day Saturday, June 25th, exploring some of the amazing artwork and then create a masterpiece to take home! To register, please call (617) 369-3303 or email [artfuladventures@mfa.org](mailto:artfuladventures@mfa.org) by June 6, 2011.

**Summer Adventure Series on Saturday:** Summer is back here in New England and so is the Home Base Adventure Series. To kick off our second Summer Adventure Series on Saturday June 18, the Home Base Program has teamed with Community Boating in Boston, to offer a 'Learn to Sail' event for Veterans, Service Members and their families. This event is free, open to all ages, and accommodates adaptive and able-bodied participants. In addition to sailing, Community Boating will be offering kayaking at their newly renovated dock facilities. Roger A. Knight IV Veterans Outreach Coordinator, Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program Office: 617-643-3826 Cell: 617-480-5484 email: [raknight@partners.org](mailto:raknight@partners.org)

**Free Music Download:** "For the Troops IV" CD: This CD is available now from AAFES for free download to active duty Service members, veterans and their families worldwide with a valid military ID at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).

**To download:** 1. Log on to <http://www.shopmyexchange.com> 2. Enter username and password. If new to the site, register first. 3. Click on the "Electronics, Photos, & Entertainment" menu link. 4. Scroll to "CD for the Troops IV" link located on the left side. 5. Download entire CD or individuals songs.

**Blue Star Museums:**

The Blue Star Museums initiative is a partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts, and more than 1,000 museums across America. First launched in the summer of 2010, Blue Star Museums once again are offering free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, through Labor Day, September 5, 2011. To access the map of Blue Star Museums participating this summer in each state, visit

<http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index2011.php>

**Sittercity:** Sittercity connects families with quality local in-home caregivers, nannies, pet-sitters, house cleaning services and more. DoD-funded Sittercity memberships are available to all military families. Caregiver profiles on the site feature background checks, references and reviews from other site members who have used their services. In addition, the "Post a Job" feature allows you to instantly send out an open position to all of the caregivers in a selected area. Encourage your families to access their paid membership, and post a job today at [www.sittercity.com/dod](http://www.sittercity.com/dod)

Use the below link to view the Sittercity Summer 2011 Piece-

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/docman/DOCMain.asp?Tab=0&FolderID=OO-TR-AF-37-17-13&Filter=OO-TR-AF-37>

**FREE Green Training for Qualified Veterans:** A 40 hour Hazardous Waste Operations Emergency Response Course. A comprehensive 5 day certification course, that will permit you (per OSHA regulation 1910.120) to enter & work at a hazardous waste site.

•When: 6/6 – 6/10/11. 8 AM – 5 PM •Where: Independence Hall, Veterans Inc., 59 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. How to Register: Contact Joe Boylan – (508) 791-3286 x105

**FREE TUTORING:** Get help from a professional tutor anytime you need it. FREE for eligible military service members in the Army, Marines, Navy or Air Force, their dependents, and students attending Department of Defense Schools. Tutors are online 24/7 and available to help in more than 16 subjects. <http://www.tutor.com/military>

**FREE Portrait shoots:** Photographer Cathy McDeremott-Tingle of Avanti Studios is offering FREE portrait shoots to military personnel deploying in 2011. For more information please visit their website at [www.avantistudios.com](http://www.avantistudios.com)

**Veteran Resources:** <http://www.veteranprograms.com/index.html> U.S. Veteran Compensation Programs is the first unique website dedicated to helping U.S. veterans discover the benefits they have earned. Complete details about service-connected compensation issues and important updates about veteran benefits as they occur. Also, services that help veterans gain quick and easy access to vital VA departments and information. We provide free and user-friendly resources for veterans and their family members.

**Virtual Career Fair for Veterans:** Virtual Career fair for Veterans on 23 June 2011 sponsored by Milcruit, the Military Officers Association of America and partners. The fair is designed to bring veteran friendly public and private employers, veterans and spouses together as if in person, but from the comfort and convenience of their home or office. Veterans/ Jobseekers can register and enter the environment to visit employer booths, chat with recruiters, view/apply for jobs, and chat with peers in the networking lounge. Participation is free for jobseekers. Register at: <http://www.veteranscareerfair.com/> Employers are invited to participate. Details, as well as a fee schedule, are available at: <http://www.veteranscareerfair.com/>

**THE EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES:** Through the Employee Partnership Office (EPO), you can more effectively leverage your Military training and experience for career opportunities in today's civilian job market, having access to job openings with Military friendly employers in various industries across the country. The EPO job search engine is easy to use and gives Servicemenbers another tool to help them achieve their civilian career goals.

*You local contact is:* **KEN FORCHIELLI**, Contractor (Military Personnel Services Corporation) Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces, 508-755-0173 Ext 2231, 910-728-3031 (BB) Visit the Employer Partnership website at: [www.employerpartnership.org](http://www.employerpartnership.org) or email at [gethired@employerpartnership.org](mailto:gethired@employerpartnership.org) or call 1-877-450-HIRE (4473)

## **THINGS TO DO IN JUNE**

**Taylor Swift Concert:** Saturday, June 25 at Gillette Stadium, 6 p.m. On sale now at Hanscom's Tickets & Tours: Taylor Swift concert tickets. \$90 per ticket. Clubhouse seating. Limit 6 tickets per ID cardholder; first come, first served; while supplies last. No phone, email or fax orders accepted. You can also visit [www.HanscomServices.com/TicketsandTours.asp](http://www.HanscomServices.com/TicketsandTours.asp)

**BBQ Kayak Tour on the Charles River** – Will be held on **Friday, 10 June**. Enjoy an evening paddling one of the country's most scenic sections of urban river, followed by some of the best food the area has to offer. We begin with a brief introduction to kayaking and then launch for a guided paddle on the Charles River, in sight of the Boston skyline. When we return, we'll sit down to a barbeque picnic catered by Redbones of Somerville. \$70 pp (includes transportation, guide, kayak rental, food & beverages). Space is limited. To reserve your spot, sign up now! **OUTDOOR RECREATION, (781) 377-5316**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS**

Judie King, ITT Manager, Hanscom AFB, 98 Barksdale Street Bldg 1530, 781-377-3262 <http://www.hanscomservices.com/> PREPAID ORDERS ONLY!! Payment is due at the time the order is placed. Once the order has been placed there are no refunds.

**Take a trip with us!** – Registration deadline for all trips is 30 days prior to departure or space available.

**Davis Farmland** – Farmland ticket only is \$15 for ages 2 and up; gate price is \$19.95. Located in Sterling Massachusetts.

**Old Town Trolley Tickets (Boston Trolley Tour)** – Tickets are \$29 each for ages 12 and up; regular price is \$36 each. Child ticket is \$13 for ages 5-12.

**Cinema Tickets** – AMC movie tickets are \$6.75 for any show starting after 1800 that has been out for at least one full week.

**Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island** – Tickets are available for **Saturday, 25 June**, \$75 per person. Tour includes: Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty Tour and Ground Zero —Memorial Moment and round-trip transportation.

**Martha's Vineyard** – Tickets are available for **Saturday, 16 July**, \$75 per person. Tour includes Martha's Vineyard Island tour, shopping time in Edgartown, Island Queen Ferry and Dinner at Country Buffet.

**Red Sox vs. Orioles at Camden Park (includes Washington, D.C. tour)** – Will be held on **Monday – Wednesday, 18 - 20 July**; \$289 per person, double occupancy. Includes: luxury accommodations, two full-course breakfast buffets, reserved seating for the game, Washington, D.C. sightseeing and round-trip transportation

**Red Sox vs. KC Royals game at Fenway Park** – Will be held on **Monday, 25 July**, \$95 per person; includes reserved left field grandstand seats (Sections 28/29) and round-trip transportation.

**Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute:** Now through Wednesday, 28 September - During the offer period, now through Wednesday, 28 September, 4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets with or without options may be purchased by eligible service members (or their spouse, but not both), for themselves, their family and friends. 4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets are limited to six per eligible service member. Those eligible for the program include: active or retired members of the U.S. military, including activated members of the National Guard and Reservists, as well as active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard. 3 ticket options available: 4-day Salute Park Hopper: \$138, 4 day Base Ticket with Water Park Option: \$138, 4-day Park Hopper with Water Park Option: \$165. The 3 options above are the only tickets offered through the Armed Forces Salute program. Tickets are not stocked at Hanscom's Tickets & Tours office. Orders may only be processed at Tickets & Tours Monday through Thursday from 0900 - 1530. You must order these tickets in person; your military ID must be verified before your order is processed. Other rules and restrictions apply; visit Tickets & Tours, Bldg. 1530 for Disney's Special Provisions details.

## **HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER**

**May 2011**

***Please Call 781-377-4222 to Register***

Serving the total force...Programs are free to all single and married Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard personnel, DoD civilians, retired Military personnel and Family members

**\*\*\**(New Service at Hanscom AFB)***

***MILITARY FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANTS (MFLCs)*** provide free, short-term, non-medical, solution-oriented counseling on a range of issues. For service members, DoD civilians, and their families – no records are kept. Call (781) 686-3084 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

### **CELEBRATING MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY**

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan established Military Spouse Appreciation Day, designating it to be the Friday before Mother's Day of each year. We celebrate this special day as a part of National Military Appreciation Month, which also observes Memorial Day, Victory Day and Armed Forces Week. May 6th has been set aside to recognize the many contributions and sacrifices military spouses make every day in support of military members and our country.

**PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME CRITIQUE** sessions are held by appointment only. Resumes are reviewed by an A&FRC employment specialist with HR experience – a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your resume to [66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil](mailto:66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil). You will receive a response in 3-5 business days. **Prior attendance at an A&FRC or TAP resume writing class is recommended.**

**PRESEPARATION COUNSELING** will be held June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 9 to 10 a.m. Weekly sessions for separating and retiring service members to complete the mandatory DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling Checklist. The checklist provides critical information about benefits, resources and services available as you transition from military to civilian life. **By law, this counseling must be provided at least 90 days prior to your date of separation or retirement.**

**RAISING SONS** will be held June 1 from 2 to 3 p.m. Fascinating insight for parents on the special ingredients that create a boy. Join us for a journey of discovery on the joys, challenges, and special issues of raising a son in today's society. Presented by Sue Spielman, parent-educator extraordinaire. **PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING: REUNION BRIEFING FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN** will be held June 1 from 3 to 4 p.m. (simultaneous sessions for spouses and children ages 6 and older) If you are anticipating a reunion with your service member within the next two months, please join us for two special briefings that will help you and your children prepare for the big event. In these interactive workshops, you'll receive practical suggestions for coping with reunion and reintegration, and the children's session will feature fun reunion activities and a personalized gift for the returning parent.

**RAISING DAUGHTERS** will be held June 2 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. "What are little girls made of?" Another fascinating look at the special world of daughters, with information on gender differences, societal expectations, and our own perceptions about raising girls. Presented by parent-educator Sue Spielman.

**PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME WRITING CLASS** will be held June 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This is a basic resume writing course. It covers how to write and format an effective resume and cover letter.

**VETERAN AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS REVIEW** will be held June 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist you in processing your disability claim and answer questions. **Appointment is required. Call the AMVETS Service Representative at 617-303-5698 for an appointment.**

**TRANSITIONING FROM A MILITARY TO A CIVILIAN CAREER** will be held Monday thru Friday, June 6 – 10. This workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition. Plan to attend at least 6 months prior to separation or retirement. Dress is civilian attire (business casual). Spouses are welcome. Seminar starts Monday at 12 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Register early.**

**FATHERHOOD** will be held June 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dads of all levels of experience, please join us for a very special presentation on the unique and essential role of fathers in the family.

We'll look at how fathers parent sons vs. daughters, how your parenting style is influenced by your own father's style, how to balance multiple demands, and personal, family, and societal expectations of fathering.

**SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP** will be held June 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to start, manage and finance your small business, including information on development of a business plan, legal considerations, and much more. Presented by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

**SPONSOR TRAINING IS NOW ONLINE.** Please complete the training and register on the Centernet. Additional relocation information and assistance are ALWAYS available for inbound personnel and sponsors. Just give us a call at 781-377-4222. If you are sponsoring a military servicemember, please go to: <https://apps.mhf.dod.mil/ESAT>.

**E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR** will be held June 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to expertly navigate the new internet based resources designed for PCS moves, and where to get answers to your questions about your upcoming move. Informational handouts will be provided. **Spouses encouraged to attend!**

**HEARTS APART at the BASE SWIMMING POOL** will be held June 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. Families of deployed, remote tour and extended TDY service members are invited to join us at the base pool for pizza, drinks and good fun. The Airman & Family Readiness Center will cover pool costs for those families who do not have a pool membership and have children who are 5 years of age and up. Please RSVP to 781-377-4222 or email [66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil](mailto:66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil)

**FEDERAL RESUME WRITING FOR USAJOBS** will be held June 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Improve your odds of getting the federal job you want by learning resume writing basics, how to locate essential skills and keywords to include, how to write accomplishment statements and essays, resume builder formats, and more.

**MEDICAL GROUP WELCOME (Mandatory for Active Duty)** will be held June 20 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Information about the Hanscom Clinic and briefings on TRICARE, the Health and Wellness Center, Mental Health, Public Health, Dental Health, and others.

**FAMILY WELCOME** will be held June 21 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Attention newly arrived spouses! Are you interested in learning all about Hanscom AFB? Do you have small children and are unable to attend the regular Commander's Welcome? Then this program is designed just for you. Receive money saving tips and shopping information while learning about schools, recreation, local attractions, safety, security, education, employment and more. This is a fun, family-friendly event.

**HOME BUYING WORKSHOP** will be held June 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about prequalifying, the home buying timeline, buyer's agents, fixed vs. adjustable rate mortgages, PMI, down payments, points, legal advice, inspections, sales and purchase contracts, and much more. Preregistration is required.

**NEWCOMERS' PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND CITY ORIENTATION** will be held June 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newcomers and family members are invited to learn how to navigate the local public transportation system and obtain information on events and attractions. Ride into Boston with us using the "T." All you need is \$4 for subway fares. Lunch is on your own downtown; can brown bag it if you'd like. This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing. Newly arrived service members are not required to take leave to attend.

**TIME MANAGEMENT: MANAGE YOUR TIME AND LEAVE THE OFFICE EARLIER** will be held June 22 from 12 to 1 p.m. Join Boston's Lorena Prime of "Clearly Organized Business Solutions" and a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers for this great new workshop. You cannot manage time, but you can manage yourself. Learn tips and techniques to get more out of every day. You'll discover your energy cycle and how to gauge when to do certain activities. You'll learn about the Productivity Matrix, as well as other helpful, tactical information to get you working on the right things so you can achieve your goals.

**SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW TACTICS & SALARY STRATEGIES** will be held June 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Learn many practical pointers on salary negotiation and the do's and don'ts of interviewing. Everyone will develop a powerful 60 second commercial to sell their skills and abilities. Bring your lunch.

**FEDERAL RESUME CRITIQUE (By Appointment Only).** Resumes are reviewed by employment specialists — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your federal resume and the applicable Vacancy Announcement to [66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil](mailto:66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil). You will be contacted for an appointment after we have reviewed your resume. **Prior completion of the A&FRC Federal Resume Writing for USAJOBS class or TAP Federal Employment Opportunities class is strongly recommended.**

**HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS FOR SINGLES** will be held June 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Does it seem easy to find people to date but impossible to find a good match? This presentation will help you clarify what you are really looking for in a relationship and become aware of your own personal pitfalls in choosing the wrong person.

## **Family Advocacy Outreach**

**CELL PHONE COLLECTION:** The Family Advocacy Program collects used and old cell phones, and distributes them to local domestic violence agencies. Drop off phones, batteries, and chargers to the Family Advocacy Program, Bldg 1217. Please put each phone and its accessories in a sealed, plastic bag.

**WIC**, a nutrition and education program for income-eligible expectant parents or parents with children age birth to five is located on base. \* **WIC is located in Bldg 1507** \*. **WIC is on base the first and third Wednesday** of each month from 0800 to 1530. For WIC appointments or information, call (617) 312-9974.

**First Connections-** Is a non-profit, family support organization that provides comprehensive services to families with young children birth through age five. First Connections serves a

large geographic area that encompasses twelve metro-west communities, including Hanscom Air Force Base. All programs are free or low cost. More information is available on their website [www.firstconnections.org](http://www.firstconnections.org) or by calling 781-287-0221.

## **EMPLOYMENT READINESS**

**Virtual Veteran Career Fair** *Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 11AM-6PM EDT* UnitedHealth Group, a Fortune 25 company, invites you to attend a special Virtual Military Veteran Career fair for the Northeast Region. [This is a great opportunity to meet with UnitedHealth Group to learn about opportunities in healthcare.](#) We want to talk to you so that you can get started with exploring a career with us. *Register for this event now!!!* **Register at:** <http://bit.ly/UHGVetVCF>

**Virtual Career Fair for Veterans:** being held on 23 June 2011 sponsored by Milcruit, the Military Officers Association of America and partners. The fair is designed to bring veteran friendly public and private employers, veterans and spouses together as if in person, but from the comfort and convenience of their home or office. Veterans/ Jobseekers can register and enter the environment to visit employer booths, chat with recruiters, view/apply for jobs, and chat with peers in the networking lounge. Participation is free for jobseekers . Register at: <http://www.veteranscareerfair.com/>

Employers are invited to participate. Details, as well as a fee schedule, are available at: <http://www.veteranscareerfair.com/>

**Finding and Applying for Federal Jobs:** **WHEN: Friday, June 10, 2011** Starts at 1:00 p.m., be prepared to stay for 3 hours **WHERE:** Workforce Central Career Central, 44 Front St, Worcester, MA 01608 **REGISTER:** by calling (508) 799-1600

**USA JOB:** JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BASE - Remember to go to [www.USAJOBS.GOV](http://www.USAJOBS.GOV) and search for Newport, RI if you are interested in finding out and applying for positions open onboard the Naval Station. Current opportunities include a Motor Vehicle Operator that's open through next week. Spread the word! USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site [www.USAJOBS.GOV](http://www.USAJOBS.GOV) This is a United States Office of Personnel Management website. USAJOBS is the Federal Government's official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information.

**Job Search:** Below please find a link to critical skills needed at Booz Allen Hamilton. Please share with your contacts and have all interested email me their resumes and I will submit on their behalf – this speeds up the review process. Also, applicants must identify the job skills qualification from the list. <https://erp.bah.com/hotjobs.htm>

**Military Spouse Employment Tip of the Week:** When applying for a job, state in your cover letter or application that you are a military spouse of an active duty service member who may be eligible for the Military Spouse Internship Program. Spouses can apply for a federal job by visiting the USAJOBS website.

**Job Opportunity:** Pilgrim Food needs to recruit a couple employees. If you are interested please call Denice M. Blanchard, Human Resource / Accounts Payable, Pilgrim Foods, 68 Old Wilton Road

Greenville, NH, 8603-878-2100 ext 205

<http://www.transitionjobs.us/> Click on "Search for Opportunities" at the bottom of the page. Jobs listed by state.

[www.TransitionTalk.com](http://www.TransitionTalk.com) has launched to create an online community with shared information and resources to help veterans who are in transition. This website contains specialized articles, recommended books and links for military transition. Also, there is a web log for Q & A that aims to provide the answers to military transition questions from Category Guides who are military and industry professionals that are eager to help veterans make a successful transition.

**Website: Career Resources for Veterans:** The Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) recently collaborated with PBS to produce a handbook for military families. Created as a companion to the PBS series "This Emotional Life," A Handbook for Family & Friends of Service Members explores the stressors and feelings individuals may encounter throughout the different phases of deployment. The handbook aims to provide solutions for Service members and identifies outside tools and resources that may be useful to friends and family members before, during and after deployment. Topics include what to expect during deployment and how to strengthen or repair relationships. Order the handbooks from the Real Warriors Campaign website at <http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/veterans.html>

<http://www.realwarriors.net/materials/order>

### **Welcome to the Military Spouse Resource Center:**

**FYI.** A useful link for those spouses that want to upgrade knowledge, skills and abilities and those who may want to enter the workforce as a result of spouse deployment.

<http://www.milspouse.org/>

The Military Spouse Resource Center (MilSpouse.org) is a U.S. Department of Labor sponsored web site designed to assist the spouses of U.S. total force military personnel. Our mission is to provide easy access to information, resources, and opportunities related to education, training, and employment within the United States. MilSpouse.org will be extending services to military spouses directly through this site and through partnerships with other organizations and the U.S. Department of Labor's local One-Stop Career Centers. Job Search Sites, Career Planning <http://www.worcesterworks.com>

Hanscom AFS: Resources <http://www.hanscom.af.mil>

Massachusetts Career Information System: <http://masscis.intocareers.org/default.asp>

Veterans Employment Services (978) 534-1481 x 117 [www.wmoore@detma.org](mailto:www.wmoore@detma.org)

Orion International: [info@orioninternational.com](mailto:info@orioninternational.com)

## **RELOCATION READINESS**

ACS has listings for apartments or houses to rent. List is updated as housing is made available to us. Call 978-796-3023. ACS Electronic Welcome Packets

<https://www.devens.army.mil> or call 978-796-3023

**Moving and Relocation Information:** Terrific tips to make moving easier.

<http://afmove.hq.af.mil/Default.asp>

**TRICARE Information at Hanscom AFB:**

Hanscom AFB offers a monthly Newcomer Orientation Medical Clinic welcome to all new patients every Tuesday from 1300 to 1500. It is strongly recommended that Army personnel attend so they can find out about their provider, how to access emergency services, and referral. Telephone: 781-377-2120

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## **UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION:**

<http://www.uso-newengland.org/index.htm>

## **HELPFUL MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES:**

**Massachusetts Parks:** [www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm)

**Massachusetts Wildlife:** [www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw](http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw)

**State of Massachusetts Child Care Finder:** [www.qualitychildcare.org](http://www.qualitychildcare.org)

**Massachusetts Getaway Guide:** <http://www.mass-vacation.com/>

**Massachusetts's area Guides net:** <http://massachusetts.ags.myareaguide.com/>

**Boston and Local Area Concerts:** <http://www.bostonconcerts.com/>

**Boston Pops:** <http://www.bso.org/>